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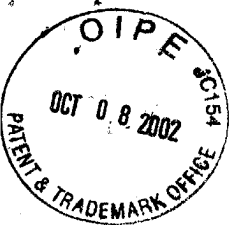
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this response; however, please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085; Ref. No. 11111/1185.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

Please **replace** claims 1, 2, 19-22 with the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising:

B<sub>1</sub> a first nucleic acid sequence comprising an aptamer covalently linked to a second nucleic acid sequence comprising a biological effector sequence, wherein the binding of said aptamer to a cell surface molecule permits the internalization by said cell of said nucleic acid sequence comprising a biological effector sequence.